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CLERK: I have nothing pending to the bill, Mr. President.

SENATOR WILL: Any discussion on LB 1126? Seeing none, Senator Elmer, would you like to close on LB 1126?

SENATOR ELMER: No closing, thank you.

SENATOR WILL: Closing is waived. The motion before the body is the advancement of LB 1126 to E & R Initial. All those in favor vote aye; opposed no. Mr. Clerk, please record.

CLERK: 27 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the advancement of 1126.

SENATOR WILL: LB 1126 advances. We now will return to LB 699. Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (LB) 699, Mr. President, introduced by the Natural Resources Committee. (Read title.) The bill was introduced in January of last year, referred to Natural Resources, advanced to General File. There are committee amendments, Mr. President.

SENATOR WILL: Senator Beutler, recognized to open on LB 699.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Will, members of the Legislature, this is a bill that has been worked over and negotiated among the different groups involved in this matter for a long, long time now, and I'm grateful that the Speaker has afforded it an opportunity to be in front of you because it has all been worked out. It came out of the Natural Resources Committee six to nothing and to my knowledge, there's no opposition to the bill. It is a very genuine and honest effort by the people who sell propane to bring a higher level of education and safety to their business and I think you would all agree it's probably a business that needs a higher level of safety if we can afford it because propane explosions are, in fact, a dangerous matter. But what the bill does is to allow under certain circumstances the creation of an industry organization that's created by a referendum type process similar to what has gone on with some of the other agricultural organizations. And in the event that there is agreement among the sellers and producers of the product, then it allows the council to be set up and appointed